



Stitching a Future

the site you see above which is on 150 acres that has become a model farm; a place to learn life skills, and it includes our **Threads of Hope Sewing Center** under construction. It is located on the main road to Maasai Mara Game Reserve. It has all the ingredients to become sustainable. We have reached our goal to build, Gods' timing is perfect! The Maasai have allocated 2 acres for our building project to bless widows and orphans when it is completed.

Standing here looking at a ditch 30' x 70' on an African plain looks rather desolate unless you have been going there 17 years with a vision one day a building could be built that would create a learning center to help families for hundreds of miles and many lives for generations to come. Here you see the foundation for the Maasai Sewing Center and Co-op in Ngoswani, Kenya. The vision is filled with future lives being helped because of what God provided for them, through those that are giving, those going, and those praying to start with and continuing still....

17 years ago this was a "T" in the road to Loita Hills where **Threads of Hope** first began. Now a community is growing. It was an original concept of Dr Marty Graber we met back in those first years. Nothing much was in Ngoswani 7 years ago when we first were invited by Dr. Graber and Maasai pastor William Luka to bring a team there. In 2004 the Threads of Hope team prayed for basic needs; water, health, education, food, clothing. Now there is a clinic, a new church, to replace the old one we preached in (a mud hut 20' x 20') school rooms, and now, the extended project has been located to.....<<<<



"TOGETHER WE ARE WRAPPING THE WORLD WITH THREADS OF HOPE"

Our missionary Deb Deren was there the first of the year to lay the ground work and organize for the ongoing **Threads of Hope** center operations and choose from the community those who will be responsible to run it all. She will return to continue the training in business skills to run the center among other duties. She has been an answer to prayer for the growth of the ministry. Deb has

compiled a strategic plan to operate the Center. By raising scholarship funding for widows to come learn we can get off to a good start. \$250 per student will allow these women to come from far off villages to learn a skill that will feed a family. We are hoping for 20 scholarships. The women we trained on previous trips will manage it and will be making school uniforms and items for tourists to purchase.

Praise the Lord! After 5 months the container we sent in November to Kenya arrived intact on the project site. We shared this load with Dr. Graber, sending sewing machines, including some commercial ones and additional sewing related equipment and supplies, hospital equipment for the new Maternal Health Care Center also. We also sent a generator and electrical equipment for the building. The container remains for storage. We plan to travel to Kenya at the end of June through the first part of July. We will set up the sewing machines and put finishing touches on the new building, meet with our African team to get ready to open the center. Our travel budget for this 18 day mission trip is \$3,300.

A generous supporter furnished airfare for us. Praise the Lord!

God bless you for helping establish this wonderful project. The Maasai are so excited about it, and so are we!



To God Be the Glory



Deb and Maasai women chosen to operate the sewing center

SEWING FOR GENERATIONS - THREADS OF HOPE



Other needs we have for the project are:

1. Six solar panels \$300 each needed to run the electric sewing machines. (some are foot pedal)
2. 20 scholarships \$250 each for widows to learn to sew,

taking these skills back to their villages along with the "Word of God"

3. A propane operated refrigerator \$600 (we will purchase in Kenya.)
4. A water storage tank to catch rain water. \$1,500.
5. A deep well for the project estimated \$15,000.
6. Monthly support for Threads of Hope ministry. Checks should be made to Missionary Ventures, in the

memo put Al Barrett Threads of Hope. Address below.

This project is now poised for us to bring and send teams for continued support for the widows and orphans in Maasailand that will create this sustainable outreach run by African Maasai.

Rom 15:13

"May the God of peace fill you with all hope we that you may overflow with hope as you trust in Him through the power of the Holy Spirit"

Blessings, Al and Gail

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We are grateful for your prayers. We also pray that God would bless you as you help us to bless widow and orphans together. You can give online at www.ThreadsofHope.org or mail Al Barrett Director, Threads of Hope 1833 Lake Cypress Dr. Safety Harbor. Fl 34695